

A good instance of a neat diplomatic rejoinder is embodied in a story regarding Count Herbert Bismarck on the occasion of the German Emperor's visit to Rome last year. It appears that at the railway station Count Herbert, who is not renowned for the severity of his manner, pushed rapidly through an Italian dignitary who was waiting for the proceedings. The dignitary was greatly incensed, and remonstrated very forcibly against such unbecoming treatment, whereupon Count Herbert turned round haughtily and said: "I don't think you know who I am. I am Count Herbert Bismarck." "That," replied the Italian, bowing politely, "as an excuse is insufficient, but as an explanation it is ample."

A medical man has just been fined by a British court for a series of slips in a prescription. A lady having consulted him for night-sweats, he prescribed atropine pills, containing C.06 grammes (about a grain), of which a sum of £0.006 (about the cost of a grain). The prescription was taken to be "a druggist," not to an apothecary (or pharmacist), and the assistant who dispensed it did not detect the evident slip of the pen: the consequence was that the lady took one of the pills and suffered severely from its toxic action, for which she was treated by the prescriber for a cold. The court held that the doctor had been negligent, and awarded the damages, the result being that the former was fined £25 and the latter £10.

The recently constructed Cliff Railway, from Lymington to Ryde, was opened on 7th April. The line is 1,100 feet long, and rises 300 feet, and has a vertical height of nearly one thousand feet, the gradient being 1 in 13. Every precaution has been taken to prevent accidents. The carriages are fitted with blocks, which can instantly and automatically grip the rails, which are bolted into the solid rock. Two carriages are run—one on each side, and are connected by independent steel cables, so that if one falls the other is safe. The motive power is water, which flows into whatever carriage is at the top, causing that carriage to descend and the other to ascend. The successful carrying out of the scheme is due to Mr. George Newnes, M.P., Mr. Jenne performed the opening ceremony, which was followed by luncheon.

The Electrical Engineer makes the following extraordinary statement:—Nothing in the future appears more probable than that within the lifetime of persons now living the industrial supremacy of Great Britain will pass away with the extinction of her coal-fields. Switzerland and the Scandinavian Peninsula are destined to become the great manufacturing districts of Europe. This extraordinary industrial revolution will be brought about by the transmission and distribution, by electrical means, of the inexhaustible and permanent water power of those countries. More than a year ago in Switzerland a woolen manufacture with 88,000 spindles, with the usual complement of auxiliary machinery, was opened and wholly by electric power, drawing its current from a water-wheel, it never failing to supply water from Alpine snows. In the new era the Swiss Republic may not improbably become the foremost industrial nation of Europe."

No bad storm seems to have found a village near to the town of Neune in the sunny province of Burgundy. The favourite pastor of the parish was a round-jovial-faced little Abbe, who enjoyed a good glass of wine; and so, as a surprise, the villagers, who were mostly small vintners, agreed to give him a pleasant surprise by filling a wine tank that was lying empty in his back yard, and presenting it to him. His birthplace had been in the same class of people, and passed it into the earth quietly at night. The next morning the oak was decorated with wreaths and flowers. All the friends assembled, and the leader presented the full decorated case of red wine, good sound Burgundy, though of no special brand, to the delighted Abbe. Glasses were brought, and with cries of "Vive l'Abbe!" all stood round to drink his health. The Abbe, however, drew out the first glass, but, miracle of miracles, the wine had become pure white water! Each ensuing peasant had thought his share of water would not be noticed among the other wine, but that unaniuity had worked a miracle by no means accountable to "M. l'Abbe."

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
THURSDAY, 22ND MAY.

EXCHANGE.
LONDON—
Telegraphic Transfer 3/3
Bank Bills, on demand 3/3
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/4
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/4
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/4
ON PARIS—
Bank Bills, on demand 4/9
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 4/7
ON GERMANY—
On demand 3/6
after sight 3/6
ON NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, on demand 3/1
Credits, 60 days' sight 3/2
ON BOMBAY—
Telegraphic Transfer 2/2
Bank Bills, on demand 2/2
ON CALCUTTA—
Telegraphic Transfer 2/2
Bank, on demand 2/2
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Bank, at sight 7/1
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OVERSEAS, Bank's Buying Rate 5/3

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All orders should be addressed to the Administrator General of the Company, or through Messrs. REMEDIOS & Co., Agents at Hongkong.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

In the Matter of the Estate of FREDERICK STEWART, late Colonial Secretary of Victoria, Hongkong, Deceased.

NOTICE.—It is hereby given that His Honour the Acting Chief Justice has, by virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 9 of 1850, made an Order limiting the time to the 1st day of August next, for Creditors to send in their Claims against the Estate of the late FREDERICK STEWART, who died on the 2nd day of November, 1859, and to whom the Probate of which will be granted on the 1st day of November, 1859, granted by the Honourable Court to JOSÉ MARIA GUTIERREZ, the Executor named in the Will of the said deceased.

And Notice is also given that all such claims are to be sent in writing to the undersigned on or before the said 1st day of August next, or before the said 1st day of November, 1859, if not then sent in of the said deceased.

All Persons are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated the 14th day of May, 1860.

CALDWELL & WILKINSON.
Solicitors for the said

JOSE MARIA GUTIERREZ
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.
In the Matter of the Estate of ALEXANDER HOSS, late Master of Hongkong, thereafter Master Liner Works in the Parish of Monkswellmouth and County of Durham, and thereafter residing at No. 265, Great Western Road, Aberdeen, deceased.

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Victoria Buildings, Queen's Road,
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Interest allowed on Deposits:
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HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAM: IT WAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUMMER TIME TABLE.

8 to 10 a.m. every quarter of an hour.

12 noon to 1 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

1 to 2 p.m. every half hour.

4 to 8 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

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SPECIAL CARAVAN may be obtained on application to the Superintendent.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars. Five-Cent Tickets and Reduced Tickets at the Office.

MAEWEEN FRIEDL & CO., General Merchants.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1890. [109]

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THE TRUST & LOAN COMPANY OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

M. R. DE WESTLEY LAYTON has been appointed SECRETARY of the Company's Branch Office in Hongkong, by Order of the Board of Directors.

W. H. FORSTER,
Chairman of Hongkong Committee,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890. [107]

NOTICE.

IN ADDITION to our present Business in this Colony as SHARE & GENERAL BROKERS, We have to Day Established ourselves as GENERAL AUCTIONEERS.

APCAR BROTHERS,
68, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, 4th April, 1890. [108]

INSURANCES

GENERAL LIFE AND FIRE
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W. H. ANDERSON,
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REUTER, BRÖCKELMANN & CO.,
Hongkong, 1st May, 1889. [102]

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

The Undersigned, having been appointed
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SIEGMSEN & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [115]

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF 1877
IN HAMBURG.

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